WELCOME

Welcome to the Tri-Cities and the Hanford Site. It is our privilege to host, with our major contractors, the Department of Energy's Integrated Safety Management Workshop, "Charting the Future of ISM: Sharing Achievements, Successes and Challenges."

We look forward to sharing our Integrated Environment, Safety and Health Management System experience with you. We also anticipate gaining valuable information and insights from you, our workshop guests from throughout the DOE Complex.

The DOE-owned 560-square mile Hanford site has been called "the world's largest environmental cleanup project." The DOE Richland Operations Office, and the DOE Office of River Protection are working together, and with contractors, to safely cleanup and manage Hanford's legacy wastes. Implementation and operation of Integrated Safety Management across this large, multi-faceted site helps assure the safety of our cleanup progress.

The DOE Richland Operations Office is focusing on the river, the plateau and the future. We are making progress toward restoring the Columbia River Corridor, transitioning Hanford's central plateau for long-term waste treatment and storage, and putting our assets to work for the future.

DOE's Office of River Protection was established by Congress in 1998 to clean up Hanford's 54 million gallons of high-level radioactive tank waste in an environmentally sound, cost-effective, and safe manner to protect the Columbia River. The Office of River Protection has been safely storing the tank waste and is now getting on with waste retrieval and treatment.

We encourage you to learn more about us, our workforce, and our safety culture as you participate in the many activities offered at this ISM lessons learned workshop.

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